



From Our Nation's Capitol THE LUNGREN LETTER

Dear Friend,

Having been sworn in to the 109th Congress less than three months ago, it is a privilege to write the first edition of the "Lungren Letter." It is my intention to provide the constituents of the 3rd District with frequent updates about the happenings in the Congress and their impact on our district, state, and nation.



Congressman Lungren being sworn into the 109th Congress by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert. Congressman Lungren is joined by his wife Bobbi and children and grandchildren.

One of the first orders of business for the 109th Congress was the selection of House committee assignments. As a returning member of Congress, it is my privilege to serve once again on the House Judiciary Committee. Additionally, the Speaker has asked that I serve on the Budget Committee and the newly created Permanent Homeland Security Committee.

Homeland Security

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings



**Friday April 1, 2005
from 7:00-9:00 PM**

Rancho Cordova City Hall
Council Chambers
3121 Gold Canal Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Saturday April 23, 2005
from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

The Metropolitan
59 Main Street
San Andreas, CA

**Monday April 25, 2005
from 7:00-9:00 PM**

Folsom Council Chamber
50 Natoma Rd.
Folsom, CA

In Our District...

While working hard for the 3rd Congressional District in our nation's Capitol, I have also had numerous important meetings in the district with local officials, business leaders, small business owners, and constituents with everyday problems ranging from social security check questions to internship opportunities for students.

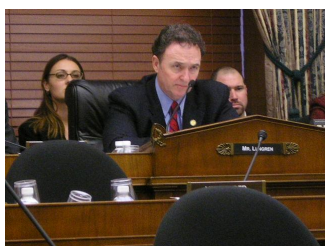


In late February, I conducted my first town hall of the year in Elk Grove. We had a great turnout and a spirited discussion of the issues facing the Congress today. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear your thoughts,

Serving on the Homeland Security Committee allows me to follow through on my promise to focus on what I deem the most significant issue of the day: protecting our nation from the dangers of transnational Islamic fascism and those who elect terrorism as their weapon of choice. Each of the respective committees has met, and together we have begun to structure an important forward thinking agenda for the next two years.

New Duties

Having been named the Chairman of the newly created Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, my first hearing was devoted to the Proposed FY 2006 Budget: Integrating Homeland Security Screening Operations. The residents of the 3rd Congressional District and surrounding areas will be an invaluable resource as we work in the arena of Cybersecurity.



Congressman Lungren chairs the first hearing of the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity.

My fellow committee members questioned witnesses from three agencies under the jurisdiction of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS): the US – VISIT Program, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Bureau of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. It is my belief that this committee and the Congress must seek to spend the taxpayer money wisely and efficiently to determine the most cost effective way to protect as many Americans as possible.

Border Security Bill

On the first day of the 109th Congress, I agreed to co-sponsor House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner's Border Security Bill because I

concerns, and opinions on a variety of important issues ranging from social security reform to homeland security matters, and a plethora of other essential subjects. It was superb to see and hear from so many constituents. I know not everyone at the meeting saw eye-to-eye, but the discussions that took place were invaluable for me and my staff.

I had the opportunity to meet with officials from the City of Folsom and am fully committed to solving the problems caused by the closing of the Folsom Dam Road during optimal use hours with full security options being made available. As a major part of the solution, I am also working with federal, state and local officials to see that a new bridge is constructed just below the Dam.

It was a pleasure touring Travis Air Force Base and learning more about the workings of our district's closest military base. The tour was very educational and I hope to utilize my new knowledge of the base in supporting it during the next BRAC hearings.



Congressman Lungren discusses the importance of protecting Travis Air Force Base from future military base closings.

In addition, I met with an organization in our district that is working on stem cell research with cord blood. This cell therapy is fascinating and has been proven effective on human patients. I fully intend to work at the federal level to see that more development in this field is pursued. From my conversation with this organization, I have cosponsored H.R.596 which will establish the "National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network."

My staff and I are ready to assist you with your

believe that his bill is an important step toward preventing another 9-11 style attack. The bill passed the House of Representatives with bi-partisan support and will further secure our nation's borders by setting strong standards for obtaining the most regularly used identifier--a driver's license. The bill is currently pending a vote in the United States Senate.

Defense of Marriage Amendment

The first bill I introduced to the Congress was the Defense of Marriage Amendment (HJ.RES.39). The Defense of Marriage Amendment will define marriage in the United States as the union between one man and one woman and expressly prohibit federal judicial power or the power of any state from being used to redefine marriage.

State of the Union

I watched from the floor of the Capitol as President Bush presented his State of the Union to the Members of Congress and the nation. We, as a Congress, have now sought to work with President Bush in turning many of the principles laid out in his State of the Union Address into a reality.

In Our State...

In a rare meeting of the entire Congressional delegation, I participated in a lively discussion with Governor Schwarzenegger to address how the entire California Congressional delegation could better work together to serve the people of our great state. I assure you that a meeting of all 53 Congressional members and the two Senators from California occurs about as often as a Governor is recalled. The meeting was very productive and the Governor invited everyone to get together sometime soon for a dinner in Sacramento hosted by him and his wife.

questions and concerns. You may contact my office in Gold River at (916) 859-9906 or by clicking on the [Feedback Form](#) located on the front page of my Congressional website.

I encourage you to visit my website at www.house.gov/lungren.

The website serves as an excellent resource for updates on what is happening in the Congress as well as news impacting the 3rd Congressional District.

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My last town hall during the month of April will be in Folsom on Monday April 25 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Folsom Council Chamber located at 50 Natoma Rd.

Please join me at any of our town halls.

I hope to see you there.

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to be of service to the residents of the 3rd Congressional District of California.



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